

LINCOLN



PARISH

“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”

– Institute of Medicine. 1996. *Healthy Communities: New Partnerships for the Future of Public Health*. National Academy Press. p. 12



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History¹

Lincoln Parish was organized in 1872 and named after Abraham Lincoln. Parts of Jackson, Claiborne, Bienville, and Union parishes were combined to make the new parish.

Culture and Recreation³

The Louisiana Passion Play, based on the life of Jesus Christ, operates weekends from June to September. The Dixie Jamboree operates each Saturday night, in Ruston, in the tradition of the Louisiana Hayride. Lincoln Parish is the home of the Louisiana Peach Festival, the second weekend in June in Ruston, and the Louisiana Chicken Festival, the last weekend in September in Dubach. Three state parks, with record bass fishing, are within a 21-mile radius of Ruston.



Parish Seat¹ Ruston¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

Ruston	
1990	20,027
1997 (estimate)	20,811
Grambling	
1990	5,484
1997 (estimate)	5,646

Parish Population²

1990	41,745
1997 (estimate)	42,376

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White	57%
African American	42%
Other	1%
Male	49%
Female	51%
Population age 0-4	6%
Population age 65 & Over	11%



Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	319 ft.
Land area in square miles	471.4
Water area in square miles ⁴	0.9

Climate²

Average temperatures	
Annual	65°
January	49°
July	81°
Annual average rainfall	66.1 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	18,300
Employed	17,710
Unemployed	590
Unemployment	3.0%

Agriculture¹

Forestry, peaches, broilers, beef cattle, wood and glass products.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Grambling State University, Grambling
Louisiana Tech University, Ruston
Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe

Public Libraries⁵ 1

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	3.7%
High school graduate or higher	74.5%
Some college or higher	51.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	26.2%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers	
Wal-Mart (Discount retailer)	670
T.L. James Construction Co. (Highways/Heavy Constr.)	350
M.L. Smith (Refractors/Industry/Masonry)	350
Public Employers	
Louisiana Tech University (Education)	1,405
Grambling State University (Education)	1,083
Lincoln Parish School Board (Education)	805

Poverty and Income

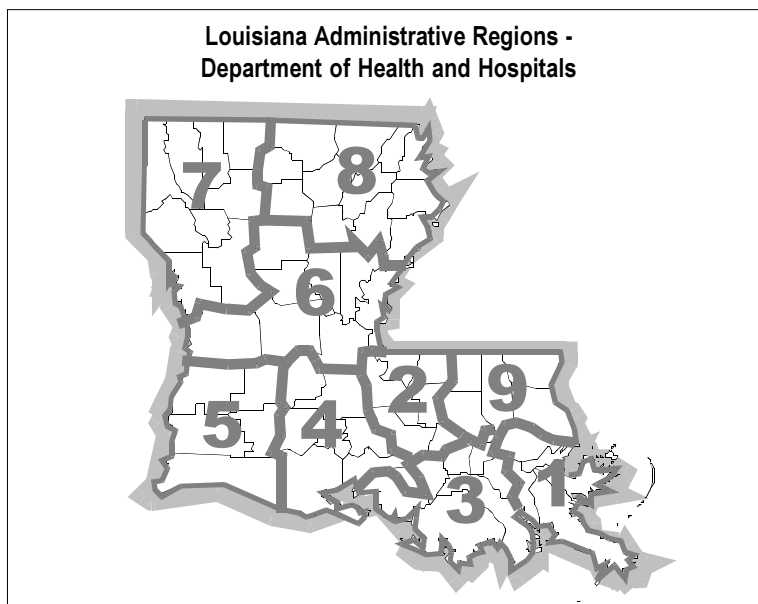
Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	22.9%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	30.1%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$18,214



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⁷ U.S. Bureau of the Census. 1998. keywords: people, poverty, small area income and poverty estimates <http://www.census.gov>

⁸ U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration. 1999. keywords: economics and statistical administration <http://www.doc.gov>.



Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington